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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION

1. NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS CONVENED MEETING JULY 24 TO REVIEW STATUS OF SUBCOMMISSION WORK. HE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THOSE ATTENDING OF RESULTS OF AMBASSADOR KAUL'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY JULY 16, AND TENTATIVE DECISION TO HAVE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING DURING OCTOBER 3-5 PERIOD. ATTENDING WERE, INTER ALIA, CU DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STULL, OES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GANLEY AND EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BILLER.

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2. WE ARE SHOOTING FOR ONE DAY MEETING OCTOBER 3. BECAUSE OF MEETING IRANIAN COMMISSION 29-30 SEPTEMBER, MEETING TUNISIAN COMMISSION OCTOBER 13, AND MEETING SOVIET COMMISSION OCTOBER 7-9, ANY ATTEMPT CHANGE PROPOSED DATES WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS. ALL CONCERNED UNDERTOOK CHECK DATES

WITH APPROPRIATE PEOPLE.

3. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE OTHER COMMISSIONS, PRINCIPALS WOULD PROBABLY MEET BRIEFLY AT BEGINNING OF SESSION, AFTER WHICH THEY WOULD RETIRE TO DISCUSS BUSINESS NOT INVOLVING JOINT COMMISSION. MEETING WOULD THEN BREAK UP INTO SMALLER

GROUPS CHAIRED BY SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO REVIEW COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER WORKING DOCUMENTS TO BE SIGNED BY SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER. FINALLY, JOINT COMMISSION WOULD CONVENE AGAIN IN PLENARY SESSION TO SIGN DOCUMENTS AS NECESSARY. WHOLE PROCESS WOULD INVOLVE ONE DAY OF MEETINGS.

4. IN ADDRESSING WORK OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION, BILLER FORESAW NO NEED FOR SUBCOMMISSION MEETING PRIOR TO JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. HE INFORMED GROUP THAT ON SOME PROBLEMS, (GSP, EXCHANGE OF MARKET INFORMATION, AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING GROUP, MICA, FROGS LEGS) WHERE THE USG HAD PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, THERE HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY MOVEMENT. WITH OTHER PROBLEMS, WHERE THE GOI WAS TO TAKE ACTION (VISIT OF TAX NEGOTIATION TEAM, VISIT OF MARKET SURVEY TEAM, JOINT VENTURES IN THIRD COUNTRIES, INVESTMENT CLIMATE QUESTIONS, U.S. PARTICIPATION IN MINERALS DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA) THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE OR NO MOVEMENT. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CALL IN APPROPRIATE PEOPLE FROM GOI EMBASSY AND DISCUSS HOW THESE MATTERS CAN BE MOVED FORWARD PRIOR TO OCTOBER MEETING. SESSION NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 29.

5. STULL REFERRED GROUP TO STATE 174005 FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF STATUS OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION. HE REPORTED THAT SUBCOMMISSION WORK PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY, THAT MUSEUMS WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED

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LISHED, AND THAT CU PROPOSING THREE DAY MEETING SUBCOMMISSION IN MARCH IN NEW YORK.

6. REPORTING ON STATUS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION, RICHMOND (OES) SAID LISTS OF COOPERATIVE PROJECTS HAD BEEN EXCHANGED, AND THAT U.S. AGENCIES WERE CURRENTLY REVIEWING INDIAN PROPOSALS. FUNDING WOULD BE A PROBLEM, HE SAID, SINCE MANY OF PROJECTS CALLED FOR

DOLLAR FINANCING. HE ALSO ARTICULATED U.S. UNWILLINGNESS PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN KINDS OF JOINT PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF GOI UNWILLINGNESS DEFEND MOSQUITO RESEARCH PROGRAM IN FACE UNWARRANTED PARLIAMENTARY CRITICISM. RICHMOND EXPRESSED BELIEF MEETING OF S AND T SUBCOMMISSION BEFORE OCTOBER WOULD BE USEFUL, PERHAPS DURING THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, IN ORDER TO FIRM UP SOME SPECIFIC PROJECTS BEFORE COMMISSION MEETING AND ALSO AIR OUR CONCERNS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MOSQUITO AFFAIR. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON SEPTEMBER SUBCOMMISSION MEETING WHICH STRIKES US AS GOOD IDEA.

7. JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED DURING MEETING. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT U.S.

CHAMBER HAS APPROACHED ORVILLE FREEMAN TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF U.S. SIDE AND THAT HE HAS INFORMALLY AGREED TO DO SO. CHAMBER BELIEVES THAT, ONCE FORMAL CONCURRENCE OBTAINED FROM FREEMAN, THEY CAN MOVE RAPIDLY TO NAIL DOWN OTHER PARTICIPANTS ON U.S. SIDE JBC.

8. COMPREHENSIVE TELEGRAMS ON STATUS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION WORK WILL BE SENT AFTER MEETINGS WITH GOI EMBASSY.

9. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTION EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON NEW INITIATIVES WITHIN JOINT COMMISSION FRAMEWORK. KISSINGER

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